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Resolution to Request a Democratic Presidential Debate on the Climate Crisis

WHEREAS, Climate Change is the defining issue of our time and we are at a defining moment for generations to come, requiring urgent leadership and real solutions to make critical change; and

WHEREAS, Climate Change impacts everyone on our planet, exacerbating economic instability, causing irreversible damage to our biodiversity, and disproportionately impacting vulnerable populations globally; and,

WHEREAS, as Democrats we both believe in science and in acting now to prevent further damage to our people, planet and economies; and

WHEREAS, failure to address Climate Change comprehensively now may result in creating only temporary and partial solutions to the fundamental inequities in American society that are the core of the Democratic platform; and

WHEREAS, as Democrats we have a moral responsibility to provide a national debate to focus the country's attention on this critical issue and what the American people must do to solve it, while also dispelling the myths and outright falsehoods that have been perpetuated regarding Climate Change;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that one of the first several DNC Presidential Debates should be focused on Climate Change issues and solutions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the DNC decides not to sponsor such a debate that it clearly states that our candidates are free to participate in any and all forums or debates focused on Climate Change sponsored by other groups.